

Claims

1 1. A method for verifying product licenses using hardware and product
2 identifications, comprising the steps of:
3 providing a computer hardware component;
4 accessing a verification file, wherein the verification file includes a
5 plurality of product identifications and hardware identifications; and
6 comparing the plurality of hardware identifications with a corresponding
7 hardware identification stored on the hardware component.

2 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising writing license information in a
registry of the hardware component.

3 3. The method of claim 2, further comprising logging the hardware identification.

4 4. The method of claim 3, wherein the logging step comprises logging the
hardware identification on a server.

1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the verification file is encrypted, and wherein
2 the encrypted verification file is decrypted prior to the comparing step.

1 6. The method of claim 1, further comprising installing a program on the hardware
2 component when a match is established between the compared hardware
3 identifications for a particular program identification associated with the program.

1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the hardware component is a processor, and
2 wherein the hardware identification is a processor identification.

1 8. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2 installing a verification application on the hardware component; and
3 using the verification application to access the verification file.

1 9. The method of claim 8, further comprising removing the verification
2 application, after the comparison step.

1 10. The method of claim 1, wherein the accessing step comprises downloading an
2 encrypted verification file from a server, prior to the comparing step.

1 11. The method of claim 1, wherein the accessing step comprises accessing an
2 encrypted verification file from a drive associated with the hardware component.

1 12. A method for verifying product licenses using hardware and product
2 identifications, comprising the steps of:
3 providing a processor;
4 installing a verification application on the processor;
5 locating a verification file with the verification application, wherein the
6 verification file includes at least one processor identification and at least one
7 product identification; and
8 comparing the at least one verification file processor identification with a
9 corresponding processor identification stored on the processor.

1 13. The method of claim 12, further comprising:
2 writing license information in a registry of the processor;
3 logging processor information in a log; and
4 removing the verification application from the processor.

1 14. The method of claim 13, wherein the processor information comprises the
2 processor identification.

1 15. The method of claim 12, further comprising installing a product when a match
2 exists between the verification file processor identification and the corresponding
3 processor identification stored on the processor.

1 16. The method of claim 12, wherein the locating step comprises searching with
2 the verification application for a verification on a drive associated with the
3 processor.

1 17. The method of claim 12, wherein the locating step comprises searching with
2 the verification application for a verification on a network server.

1 18. The method of claim 12, wherein the verification file is encrypted, and
2 wherein the encrypted verification file is decrypted prior to the comparing step.

1 19. The method of claim 12, wherein the verification file includes a plurality of
2 processor identifications and a plurality of program identifications.

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1 20. A system for verifying product licenses using hardware and product
2 identifications, comprising:
3 an access system for accessing a verification file, wherein the verification
4 file includes a hardware identification and a product identification;
5 a comparison system for comparing the hardware identification of the
6 verification file with a corresponding hardware identification on a computer
7 hardware component;
8 a registry system for registering license information in a registry; and
9 a log system for logging hardware information in a log.

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11 21. The system of claim 20, wherein the comparison system further compares the
12 product identification of the verification file with a corresponding product
13 identification of a product being installed on the hardware component.

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15 22. The system of claim 20, wherein the hardware component is a processor, and
16 wherein the hardware identification is a processor identification.

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18 23. The system of claim 20, wherein the verification file is accessed from a drive
19 associated with the hardware component.

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21 24. The system of claim 20, wherein the verification file is accessed from a
22 network server.

1 25. The system of claim 20, wherein the verification file is encrypted, and wherein
2 the system further comprises a decryption system for decrypting the encrypted
3 verification file.

1 26. A system for verifying product licenses using hardware and product
2 identifications, comprising:
3 a computer hardware component;
4 a verification file having a plurality of hardware identifications and
5 product identifications;
6 an access system for accessing the verification file; and
7 a comparison system for comparing the verification file hardware
8 identifications with a corresponding hardware identification stored on the
9 hardware component, and for comparing the verification file product
10 identifications with a corresponding product identification of a product being
11 installed on the hardware component.

1 27. The system of claim 26, further comprising:
2 a registry system for registering license information in a registry of the
3 hardware component;
4 a log system for logging hardware information in a log; and
5 a decryption system for decrypting the verification file.

1 28. The system of claim 27, wherein the log is on a server.

1 29. The system of claim 26, wherein the verification file is accessed from a drive
2 associated with the hardware component.

1 30. The system of claim 26, wherein the verification file is accessed from a
2 network server.

31. A program product stored on a recordable media for verifying product licenses using hardware and product identifications, which when executed, comprises:

an access system for accessing a verification file, wherein the verification file include a hardware identification and a product identification;

a comparison system for comparing the hardware identification of the verification file with a corresponding hardware identification on a computer hardware component;

- a registry system for registering license information in a registry; and
- a log system for logging hardware information in a log.

32. The program product of claim 31, wherein the comparison system further compares the product identification of the verification file with a corresponding product identification of a product being installed on the hardware component.

33. The program product of claim 31, wherein the hardware component is a processor, and wherein the hardware identification is a processor identification.

34. The program product of claim 31, wherein the verification file is accessed from a drive associated with the hardware component.

35. The program product of claim 31, wherein the verification file is accessed from a network server.

1 36. The program product of claim 31, wherein the verification file is encrypted
2 and wherein the system further comprising a decryption system for decrypting the
3 encrypted verification file.

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